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Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2008

Offices of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Cook County Conference Room
Suite 800, 233 S. Wacker Drive, Sears Tower, Chicago, Illinois

Board Members

Rita Athas (Executive Director, World Business Chicago), Frank H. Beal (Executive Director, Chicago Metropolis 2020), Gerald Bennett (Mayor, Palos Hills), Roger Claar (Mayor, Bolingbrook), Zenovia Evans (Mayor, Riverdale), Elliott Hartstein (President, Buffalo Grove), Calvin Jordan (Highway Commissioner Rich Township), Al Larson (President, Schaumburg), Marilyn Michellini, (President, Montgomery), Raul Raymundo (Executive Director, Resurrection Project), Andre Rice (President, Muller & Monroe Asset Management), Rae Rupp Srch, (Representing DuPage County), Dan Shea (McHenry County Board), Nigel Telman (Partner, Sidley Austin, LLP) and Tom Cuculich (for Stephen Schlickman).

Absent:

Anthony Calderone (Mayor, Village of Forest Park) and Stephen Schlickman (Executive Director, Regional Transportation Authority-MPO Policy Committee),

Staff Present:

Randy Blankenhorn, Jill Leary, Don Kopec, Dolores Dowdle, Tom Garritano, Patricia Berry, Joy Schaad and Sherry Kane.

Others Present:

Joel Stauber-CMAP CAC, Vicky Smith-Southwest Conference of Mayors, Chalen Hunter-McHenry County Council, Chris DiPalma-FHWA, Heidi Files-Kane/Kendall Council, Jim LaBelle-CM2020, Mike McLaughlin-MPC, Tam Kutzman-DMMC, Rob Pileckis-Village of Schaumburg, Ed Paesel-SSMMA, Leanne Redden-RTA, Steve Coffinbarger-Kane/Kendall Council, Laura Wilkison-Wilkison Consulting, Roseann O'Laughlin-Edwards & Kelcey, Joe Deal-City M.O., Donald Pfeffer-Sugar Grove Water Authority and Jerry Elliott-Sugar Grove Water Authority.

1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Mayor Gerald Bennett of Palos Hills, CMAP Board Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m., and asked that Board members introduce themselves.

2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Board Chair Jerry Bennett announced that he would like to recognize one member of the board who had stepped down quietly and thanked Ed Paesel, who represented NIPC as a non-voting member, for his work and effort (that would not be forgotten) in the formation of and transition to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. Ed received a resounding round of applause.

There were no agenda changes.

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn congratulated all the winners in CMAP's 2007 Images of Northeastern Illinois photo contest, thanked the staff (Lindsay Banks, Amy Talbot and Adam Weiskind) who worked on the project and introduced Lindsay Banks to announce the contestant winners in the respective categories. They were: Overall Winner – *“Calumet Beach”* by Tom Rand. In the Natural Environment category - 1st Place *“Bridge to the Past”* by Randy Johnson; 2nd Place *“Survivor”* by Frank Sochacki; Honorable Mention *“Autumn in Full”* by Kazuya Kawamura. In the Community Vitality category - 1st Place *“Untitled”* by Kelly Zeng; 2nd Place *“Downtown Naperville-Holiday Lights”* by City of Naperville; Honorable Mention, *“Schaumburg's Farmers' Market”* by Mary Jo Follert. In the Global Appeal category – 1st Place *“Geese and Skyline”* by Rex Flodstrom; 2nd Place *“View of Commerce”* by Zachary Henry; Honorable Mention *“The Magnificent Mile”* by Roseann O'Laughlin. In the Diversity category – 1st Place *“Peeping Dragon”* by Patricia Linwood; 2nd Place *“Glassblower”* by Kurt Kramer; Honorable Mention *“Public Art”* by Rob Pileckis. In the Architecture/Urban Design category – 1st Place *“View looking west on Armitage Age”* by Roseann O'Laughlin; 2nd Place *“A View Southward”* by Perry Slade; Honorable Mention *“Japanese Snow”* by Patricia Linwood. In the CMAP Staff Picks category – 1st Place *“Hurrying Home”* by Kurt Kramer; 2nd Place *“Serpentine Bridge”* by William Biderbost; and Honorable Mention *“Frozen in Time”* by Randy Johnson.

3.0 Approval of Minutes – November 28, 2007

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 28, 2007 board meeting, as presented, was made by Mayor Al Larson and seconded by Dan Shea. All in favor, the motion carried.

4.0 Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported the following. In response to a call for proposals from USDOT in late November for a Congestion Reduction Demonstration, CMAP worked with IDOT, the Tollway, RTA and Pace to submit a proposal by the 12/31/07 deadline. This program is related to the Urban Partnership Agreement that had been presented to the Board in April. The region proposed a demonstration in the

Northwest Corridor focused on roadway pricing and supporting strategies to reduce congestion. The specific area that would be affected in the NW corridor would be the I-90/Jane Addams Memorial Tollway and the surrounding arterials. In order to assure that the proposal does not simply move congestion from toll roads to regional arterials, supportive strategies were also proposed, including substantial new point-to-point express bus service operating at free-flow highway speeds, arterial highway and transit service improvements, and intelligent transportation systems projects to assure efficient use of transportation resources. Blankenhorn also apologized that the Board had not been adequately informed or apprised of the submittal due to the tight timeframe and promised to find better ways to keep the Board informed of such developments.

Blankenhorn also reported that CMAP is involved in developing a partnership with the Chicago Community Trust related to the Regional Comprehensive Plan that involves indicators development. With funding from the Trust, assistance will be provided in addition to community involvement, engagement and media relations, as well as the human services aspects. Once approved by the board of the CCT, the scope and agreement will be presented to the CMAP board.

5.0 Contract Approvals

The following contracts, described in accompanying memos in the Board packet were presented for approval: (1) Institute of Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame in the amount of \$25,000, (2) Ten (10) community organizations: Bethel New Life; ACA Central; DevCorp North; Family Focus; Imagine Englewood if . . .; Kendall County Health Department; Little Village Environmental Justice Organization; Metropolitan Tenants Organization; Southland Health Care Forum; and SouthSTAR Services in a maximum amount of \$5,000 each for a total of \$50,000, (3) Federal Government Legislative Outreach Services to Wilkison Consulting for a maximum amount of \$68,750 for a two-year period with an option for three (3) one-year extensions, (4) The University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Civil Engineering for Phase II – Population Synthesis Project in the amount of \$105,000, (5) CMAP (in partnership with the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will) and the United States Geological Survey in the amount of \$150,000, (6) Non-engineering Level I Wastewater Facility Planning Area (FPA) Review to Hey and Associates, Inc., and Christopher B. Burke Engineering West, Ltd., at an annual cost of \$40,000 for three years and an option for two (2) one-year extensions, (7) Water Resource Engineering Technical Support to Hey and Associates, Inc. (primary consultant), Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd (secondary consultant) and V3 Companies of Illinois, Ltd., (tertiary consultant) at an annual cost of \$35,000 for three years with an option for two (2) one-year extensions, and (8) GeoAnalytics for an amount not to exceed \$100,000. A motion by Dan Shea to approve the contract awards as presented was seconded by Mayor Zenovia Evans. All in favor the motion carried.

6.0 Committee Reports

Elliott Hartstein, Planning Committee Chair reported that the Planning Coordinating Committee had met earlier in the morning with its primary focus on the partnership with

the Chicago Community Trust related to the Regional Comprehensive Plan, followed by an extensive discussion on the topic of regional vision development. CMAP's Jobs-Housing snapshot was also introduced.

Written summaries of CMAP's working committees and the CAC were also provided.

7.0 Legislative Update

Executive Director Randy Blankenhorn reported that the General Assembly was in session attempting a permanent solution to the transit crisis. In the short-term, SB572 is the preference and CMAP will continue to monitor the progress. Blankenhorn also reported there are no specific CMAP initiatives being considered at this time, and that in addition to lending support for transit funding, the state's capital program remains a high priority. Another initiative that CMAP may be interested in is funding for the Local Planning Technical Assistance Act that was enacted into law without a funding source. CMAP will be taking a more active role and is working out a new system, so the Board will be able to state its position on legislative matters in a timely manner. Chairman Jerry Bennett agreed that CMAP needs to be involved in Springfield and that the message needs to be sent to the General Assembly and the Governor regarding support of SB572.

8.0 CN's Proposed Acquisition of the EJ&E

CMAP staffer Joy Schaad pointed to the map that illustrates new and increased activity with the proposed acquisition of the EJ&E by CN and reported the requirements for filing comments with the Surface Transportation Board (STB) January 28 regarding the acquisition, and comments regarding the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) due February 1. A lengthy discussion resulted in the following concerns being raised by the Board: impacts on the Star Line, rendering emergency services, Amtrak, CREATE and the EIS. Blankenhorn recapped that CMAP's response in conjunction with the MPO would focus on the following four points 1.) the acquisition holds some transportation benefits for the region, 2.) it also clearly has significant impacts on some of our region's communities, 3.) more detailed study is clearly needed so informed decisions can be made, and 4.) CMAP intends to play an active role in that process, as our authorizing legislation calls on us to do in reviewing "Developments of Regional Importance." That analysis must identify feasible options for mitigating negative impacts. Blankenhorn also reported that CMAP should play a role in any hearings that are likely to be scheduled. Blankenhorn further suggested that the project serves as a template for CMAP's Developments of Regional Importance through the Programming Coordinating Committee that ultimately would come before the Board. The Policy Committee is meeting the following day to consider the letter. Following both meetings, edits will be made to the letter which will then be forwarded to both the Policy Committee and CMAP's Board via e-mail prior to the January 28 deadline for filing. A motion was made by Mayor Roger Claar and seconded by Dan Shea supporting Blankenhorn's recommendations. All in favor, the motion carried.

9.0 Unified Work Program (UWP)

Briefly, CMAP staffer Matt Maloney recapped information contained in the board packet regarding FY2009 projects for the core program, CMAP's accountability as reflected in quarterly reports on web, integration and defining regional priorities. Staff could benefit from board comments.

10.0 Regional Comprehensive Plan

No report since it was covered under the Planning Coordinating Committee report earlier in the meeting.

11.0 Citizens' Advisory Committee

Deputy Executive Director of External Affairs Gordon Smith reported that additional appointments were needed for the Citizens' Advisory Committee and approval is sought naming the following five candidates: representing DuPage and filling two vacancies are Dalip Bummi and Jim Giblin; representing Kane is Kurt Kojzarek; for McHenry Michale Walkup; and, representing South Cook are Bathsheba Wyatt-Draper. A sixth candidate is still being considered and staff is continuing its search for a 7th candidate whose focus would be on youth, also representing South Cook. Rae Rupp Srch made a motion that was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini to appoint the candidates to the CAC. Copies of the completed applications will be forwarded to the Board, congratulatory letters should include the respective Board member signature and Mayor Claar would like information on the original appointments. All in favor, the motion carried.

12.0 Other Business

There was no other business.

13.0 Public Comment

Joel Stauber, co-chair of CMAP's Citizens' Advisory Committee reported that the Committee, having met twice since the Board had last met, expressed interest in the development of the DRI process. They are also working on feedback to staff regarding the Regional Comprehensive Plan, developing operating procedures similar to the CMAP by-laws. He concluded with the reminder that the Committee was created to provide continuous and balanced public representation in the development of regional plans and policies.

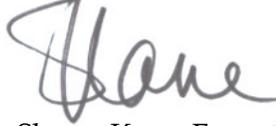
14.0 Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the CMAP Board is February 13, 2008.

15.0 Adjournment

At 10:50 a.m., a motion to adjourn made by Rae Rupp Srch was seconded by Mayor Marilyn Michelini. All in favor the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sherry Kane".

Sherry Kane, Executive Assistant

01-25-08

Approved, as presented by unanimous vote February 13, 2008.